

I am a customer of an independent ISP. I have read about BellSouth's request that you stop regulating broadband service. As a consumer I am very concerned about the potential for phone companies to monopolize broadband service. My experience with independent ISPs like Sonic.net has been very positive. The service has been excellent and the prices reasonable. If you stop regulating broadband service, phone companies could charge independents unreasonable prices for infrastructure use or refuse to allow them to connect at all. This would result in higher prices and poor service for consumers like myself. Competition is fundamental to a healthy capitalist system. Please keep independent ISPs alive by continuing to regulate broadband service.